

# East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club Endorsement Questionnaire

Thank you for your interest in obtaining an endorsement from the East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club.

Per the Club's bylaws, to be eligible for endorsement, a candidate must be a registered Democrat. All candidates must also complete this candidate questionnaire to be considered for an endorsement. Endorsements are decided by the general membership, and candidates must receive at least 60% of votes cast to be endorsed.

The deadline for questionnaires is posted on the East Bay Stonewall website (<http://eastbaystonewalldemocrats.org/Elections>). Any candidate submitting a questionnaire that is received after the deadline will not appear on the endorsement ballot. To ensure a fair process, no grace period will be granted.

Please return your completed questionnaire via Google forms by clicking submit at the bottom of this form. All form submissions are final. If you have questions, please contact Joe Greaves, EBSDC PAC chair via email at [jsphgreaves@gmail.com](mailto:jsphgreaves@gmail.com).

Email \*

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Name (First Last) \*

Nick

Are you a registered Democrat \*

Yes

No

Office you are seeking? (e.g. City Council, School Board, Supervisor, etc) \*

Clty Council Member

Jurisdiction \*

City of Albany

District \*

N/A

Are you an East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club member in good standing? If you are unsure, email [eastbaystonewalldems@gmail.com](mailto:eastbaystonewalldems@gmail.com). \*

Yes

No

I self-identify as: (check all boxes that apply; note these identifiers will be used publicly during our endorsement process.) \*

Gay

Lesbian

Transgender

Gender non-conforming

Bisexual

Queer

Straight

Other: .....

How have you participated in East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club activities, and/or supported the Club other ways? What other LGBTQ+ organizations are you affiliated with and in what capacity? What other Democratic clubs are you affiliated with? \*

I have previously participated in endorsement meetings as a voting member and as a candidate. I am President of the Albany Democratic Club and a member of a number of other Democratic Clubs in the area including the Wellstone Democratic Renewal Club, the APA Democratic Caucus and others.

Using specific examples, please identify the causes you have advocated for and the ways you have helped advance LGBTQ+ rights or otherwise helped foster a community of inclusivity for LGBTQ+ individuals and families. \*

Although supporting the LGBTQ+ is always a goal of mine, specifically I have supported LGBTQ+ candidates through endorsements and donations, and, in my City, while a City Council Member, I supported raising the Pride Flag in Albany for the first time ever, and supported raising it again the next year for the full Pride Month. I supported the Albany affirmation of inclusion, to be seen here <https://www.albanyca.org/government/city-council> and displayed on every Council agenda. While Vice-Mayor previously, I encouraged the Mayor to join other cities in printing an Albany version of the "...Stands United Against Hate" poster, and offering them for the public and businesses to display.

Have you previously supported LGBTQ+ candidates for office? If yes, did that include financial support? \*

Yes, through endorsements and financially. I am currently supporting Alfred Twu, Gabe Quinto, Rebecca Kaplan, and Andy Katz, and I have previously supported Rebecca Saltzman, Jesse Arreguin, and others.

Which LGBTQ+ organizations and elected officials have formally endorsed you for this race? \*

Mayor Gabe Quinto, Mayor Jesse Arreguin

Please describe a policy/goal that is part of your formal platform that benefits the LGTBQ+ community? \*

I support the policy of inclusion, diversity, and the celebration of LGBTQ+ rights. I've supported Albany's efforts to reform our code and charter to be gender-neutral. I instigated the process that has led to Albany's first citizen police review commission, and this should help hold the police accountable to any targeting they might do, whether it be against people of color, or LGBTQ+ people, or any people of certain communities.

What makes you uniquely qualified for the office and how are you different or unique from the other candidates in your race? \*

I've served 11+ years on Albany Commissions, and 6 years as an Albany City Council Member, one year as Vice-Mayor, and one year as Mayor, 2020, where I led the City through the onset of Covid. I am running with my Albany Forward slate-mates, Robin López, and John Miki, as we share many of the same values. We call ourselves Albany Forward as we believe the City needs to evolve and build the housing needed to allow anyone to come to live in Albany who wants to, and tackle climate change head on, and to finally make sure our streets and community are safe and accessible to everyone.

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